

Application No. 10/728,209

Amendment and Response to Advisory Action

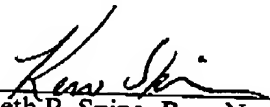
REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-3 and 5 are pending in the application. The amendment of claim 1 is fully supported by the specification. No new matter has been added.

Applicants wish to thank Examiner Green for the courtesy of a telephone interview with Jennifer M. Duk, one of the attorneys for Applicants, on February 28, 2006, at which an agreement was reached. The amendments submitted herewith are being made pursuant to what was agreed upon at the interview. In particular, it was agreed at the interview that amending claim 1 by replacing the language "effect to inhibit biological attack and spreading out of organisms" with "antimicrobial effect" complies with the written description requirement, rendering moot the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112, and will place the application in condition for allowance. It was also agreed that the "antimicrobial effect" element had already been examined and does not require a new search or raise a new issue. The fact that the "antimicrobial effect" element applied to claim 2 as originally filed also was acknowledged. Claims 2-3 and 5 depend from claim 1 and likewise incorporate the "antimicrobial effect" element.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request entry of the amendment submitted herewith, and allowance of the present application. If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of the subject application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,


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